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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1927

TOWN CLERK

EFFIE A. SWINDELL	Term expires 1930

SELECTMEN

JOHN P. DAY	Term expires 1928
EARLE C. PARKER	Term expires 1929
CHARLES B. DANIELS	Term expires 1930

ASSESSORS

CHARLES B. DANIELS	Term expires 1929
JOHN MORAN	Term expires 1930
WALTER A. WOODIS	Term expires 1928

OVERSEER OF POOR

SARA E. BUTLER	Term expires 1928
MORTON F. LINCOLN	Term expires 1929
CARL M. WHEELER	Term expires 1930

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINNIE M. DAY	Term expires 1929
EARLE C. PARKER	Term expires 1930
IRA E. PINNEY	Term expires 1928

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

WILLIAM A. NYE	Term expires 1928
SARA E. BUTLER	Term expires 1929
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL	Term expires 1930

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

EDWIN GREEN	Term expires 1928
CHARLES B. DANIELS	Term expires 1929
JOHN W. DWELLY	Term expires 1930

ONE-YEAR TERMS

TAX COLLECTOR

EDMUND CODY

TREASURER

EFFIE T. SWINDELL

TREE WARDEN

CLARENCE L. GRIMES

AUDITOR

ORTON O. BUTLER

FENCE VIEWERS

W. WALLACE GRIMES
FRANK H. BOYD
ALFRED B. MORSE

CONSTABLES

W. E. SWINDELL
SAMUEL BRUMP
BERT S. REED
CHARLES B. DANIELS
JOSEPH POTTER
ROBERT DWELLY

MEASURERS OF LUMBER

WALTER A. WOODIS
SYLVESTER R. DEAN
GEORGE H. MORSE

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

CHARLES B. DANIELS
WALTER BRUCE
JOHN N. MOORE

FIELD DRIVERS

JOHN ROBINSON
JOHN O'DONNELL
PERCY F. WILBUR

TOWN AGENT

HARRY B. PARKER

APPOINTED

CATTLE INSPECTOR

HARRY S. STONE

MEAT AND PROVISIONS

HENRY W. STONE

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

W. E. SWINDELL

FIRE WARDEN

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

PERCY F. WILBUR

UNDERTAKER AND BURIAL AGENT

JAMES P. FAIRBANK

JANITOR OF HALL AND LIBRARY

WILLIAM A. NYE

DOG OFFICER

SAMUEL BRUNO

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

JAMES R. CHILDS

LIST OF JURORS

Orton O. Butler
Frank Cheever
Ralph Cody
Edward J. Crawford
George W. Dean
John O'Donnell
John Moran

REPORT

OF THE

TOWN CLERK

VITAL RECORDS OF 1927

BIRTHS

Jan. 28 John Francis, son of John and Mary (Meyers) O'Donnell.

Feb. 7 Helen Alice, daughter of Robert C. and Sara (Watson) Dwelly.

May 29 Robert Ludwick, son of Ludwick and Stella (Zalinska) Szczuka.

July 1 Renee Marie, daughter of Donald C. and Anna (Jacob) Agar.

11 Nina Louise. daughter of Fabius W. and Rhoda (Canfield) Beckwith.

Sept. 24 Ralph Clayton, son of Edwin H. and Florence (Edson) Bullard.

MARRIAGES

Jan. 7 In Fitchburg, S. Walter Tucker and Nellie (Willis) Baker.

Sept. 17 In Barre, Ralph M. Cody and Julia M. Seymour.

Nov. 15 In Barre, Edwin G. Newcomb and Flora L. (Sweatland) Newcomb.

Dec. 24 In Barre, Walter O. Babcock and Mary A. (Plunket) Beck.

DEATHS

		Y.	M.	D.
Jan. 11	In Holden, Christian Ross	50		
Mar. 5	L. Electa (Allen) Sanderson	66	11	3
20	William Gaffney	67	11	10

Apr.	4	Martha R. Bell	75	9	24
June	18	David Hallowell	66	11	14
	27	Alice R. (Ferry) Burns	79	7	29
	30	Bradley J. Leach	85	5	18
Nov.	13	Dency E. (McCullock) Babcock	71	9	13
Dec.	7	In Worcester, Charles Winslow	68		

BURIED IN TOWN

Jan.	11	Samuel C. Sherman of Brookfield	79	4	28
Feb.	18	Bertha E. (Butler) Prince of Haverhill	56	3	3
Feb.	20	Robert E. Wendell of Haverhill	7	10	14
June	30	John P. Allen of Townsend	69		2
Sept.	19	William H. Holmes of Boston	66	9	12

LICENSES

DOGS

71	Females at $2.00	$142 00	
12	Spayed females at $2.00	24 00	
31	Females at $5.00	155 00	
114			$321 00
59	Sporting at $2.25	$132 75	
7	Trappers' at $2.25	15 75	
3	Minors' at 75c	2 25	
69			$150 75

Respectfully submitted,

EFFIE T. SWINDELL,

Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1927.

Town Clerk

Paid Effie T. Swindell		$85 00

Treasurer

Paid Effie T. Swindell		$125 00

Tax Collector

Paid Edmund Cody		125 00

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day	$100 00	
Paid Earl C. Parker	75 00	
Paid Charles B. Daniels	75 00	
		$250 00

Assessors

Paid W. A. Woodis	$100 00	
Paid John Moran	86 00	
Paid Gertrude Woodis, Clerk	8 00	
		$194 00

Auditor

Paid Orton Butler		$75 00

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid Catherine Cody	$5 00	
Paid Leone Daniels	5 00	
Paid Nellie Dean	5 00	
Paid Fannie Ayres	5 00	
		$20 00

Moderator

Paid Charles Trowbridge	$3 00

Registrar

Paid Effie Swindell	$6 00	
Paid John P. Day	2 00	
Paid Earl Parker	2 00	
Paid Charles B. Daniels	2 00	
		$12 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid Edgar Swindell	$25 00

Dog Officer

Paid Samuel Bruno	$15 00

Overseers of Poor

Paid Support of Poor	$667 23

School Committee

Paid Support of Schools	$12,168 09

Superintendent of Streets

Paid for Highways	$3,498 70	
Paid for Material	2,125 58	
		$5,624 28

Bridges

Paid for new bridge		$500 00

Library

Paid for support of library		504 16

State Aid

Paid state aid		$72 00

Bonds for Town Officers

Paid Treasurer's and Clerk's Bond	14 00	
Paid Tax Collector's Bond	30 00	
		$44 00

Printing

Paid Heffernan Press		$185 00

Town Officers' Supplies

Paid for Supplies		$76 20

State County Tax

Paid County Tax	$761 00	
Paid State Tax	960 00	
Paid State Highway	139 60	
		$1,860 60

Interest

Paid Worcester Bank and Trust Co.		$120 00

Opening Roads

Paid for Opening Roads		$838 66

Insurance of Employees

Paid Frank Smith and Son		$219 36

Fire Department

Paid for Fighting Fires		$169 93

Gypsy Moth

Paid for Suppression of Gypsy Moth		$245 70

Memorial Day

		$50 00

Inspection

Paid H. W. Stone, inspection of barns	$39 56	
Paid H. W. Stone, inspection of meat	32 00	
		$71 56

Police

Paid Edgar Swindell	$19 20	
Paid Samuel Bruno	5 00	
Paid Bert Reed	5 00	
		$29 20

Rutland Road

Paid for Repairing	$6,905 38	
Paid for Material	594 52	
		$7,499 90

Snow Fences

Paid Dyer Lakes Machine Co.		$100 50

Cemeteries

Paid for Care of Cemeteries		$554 45

Church

Paid one-fourth shingling expenses		$50 00

Insuring Buildings

Paid Ira Irish for Halls and Schools		$169 24

Wiring Town Hall

Paid Howard L. Byram		$200 00

Street Lights

Paid for Lighting Streets		$225 00

Tree Warden

Paid Clarence Grimes		$50 00

Mowing Brush

Paid Geo. E. Eason, mowing brush, Allen pasture		$25 00

Reserve Fund

Paid Howard L. Byram	$87 00	
Paid Clarence Grimes	43 50	
Paid George Hallowell	8 20	
To Miscellaneous Account	6 42	
To Printing	1 00	
To Snow Fences	50	
		$146 62

Road Scraper

Paid for Road Scraper		$465 00

Worcester Bank and Trust Company

Paid Note		$6,000 00

Miscellaneous

Paid J. P. Fairbanks, death returns	$ 2 00	
Paid G. S. Butler, supplies	13 26	
Paid Dr. Cheetham, birth returns	50	
Paid Henry Grimes, killing wild cat	10 00	

Paid Theo Wardell, certifying note	2 00	
Paid Worcester Co. Tuberculosis Asso.	53 21	
Paid Mary O. Conant, supplies	9 67	
Paid Robert Briggs, labor	5 45	
Paid Lighting Hall	10 20	
Paid W. A. Nye, care of town hall	145 55	
Paid W. A. Nye, care of clock	23 33	
Paid C. M. Wheeler, care of clock	11 67	
Paid Marcellus Roper Co., tuning piano	5 00	
Paid John P. Day, material and labor	3 00	
Paid Fuller Electric Co., Bal. wiring old hall	30 58	
Paid Mechanics' National Bank, rent of box	4 00	
Paid Sydney Wood, repairs of W. School	2 00	
		$331 42
Balance Transferred to Reserve Fund		6 42
		$325 00
Paid Municipal Electric Light Department		$1,500 00
Total		$41,685 18

MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Received

September	$101 70	
October	179 10	
November	220 25	
December	260 35	
January	329 95	
		$1,091 35

Paid Out

September—Gardner Electric Light Co.	$ 78 00	
October—Gardner Electric Light Co.	91 20	
November—Gardner Electric Light Co.	105 30	

December—Gardner Electric Light Co.	117 00	
December 15—Merchants' National Bank, Boston, 6 Mos. Int. on $10,000	212 50	
January—Gardner Electric Light Co.	144 00	
Cash on Hand	343 35	
		$1,091 35
Cash on hand	$343 35	
Uncollected bills	18 15	
		$361 50

Town owes $15,000 on notes for money borrowed to construct light line.

JOHN P. DAY,
EARL C. PARKER,
CHAS. B. DANIELS,
Selectmen of Oakham.

REPORT

OF THE

TAX COLLECTOR

1925

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1925	$1,082 41	
Interest	108 35	
Error	13 36	
		$1,204 12

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$1,167 26	
Abatements	11 96	
		$1,179 22
		$24 90

1926

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1926	$4,917 28	
Interest	113 42	
		$5,030 70

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$3,279 09	
Abatements	187 22	
		$3,466 31
		$1,564 39

1927

Dr.

Taxes committed to me for collection, 1927:

Appropriation of annual meeting	$10,832 00	
State Tax	960 00	
County Tax	761 00	
Highway Tax	139 60	
County Hospital Tax	55 00	
Poll Tax	74 00	
Overlaying	248 13	
Interest	4 29	
		$13,074 02

Cr.

By receipts of Income Tax	$1,626 36	
By Treasurer's receipts	7,474 25	
		$9,100 61
		$3,973 41

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY, *Collector.*

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation	$150 00	
Dog Fund	261 42	
		$411 42
Interest from Funds		$92 74
		$504 16

EXPENDITURES

Linus Bacon, magazines 1927	$25 60	
Linus Bacon, magazines 1928	21 90	
Haven and Carter, coal	87 24	
C. H. Parker & Son, supplies	3 84	
Ira Pinney, librarian	100 00	
Mrs. Fayette Russell, assistant librarian	50 00	
Robert Briggs, carrying books	25 00	
W. A. Nye, supplies	16 85	
W. A. Nye, janitor	138 00	
L. H. Browning, book	14 03	
Ira Pinney, books	11 20	
Electric Lights, four months	10 50	
		$504 16

Through the kindness of Mrs. Albert Gifford, Tarrytown, N. Y., we have had electric lights installed in the library building. This adds much to its usefulness and beauty.

Miss Clara Alden of Worcester has presented the Library with an enlarged portrait of her mother, Mrs. Mary Lincoln Alden, in whose memory the Alden Fund was given to this town.

We take this way of publicly thanking Mrs. Gifford and Miss Alden.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA E. BUTLER,
WILLIAM A. NYE,
FLORENCE BOTHWELL,

Trustees.

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library:

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. A. L. Gifford who installed electricity in the Library, besides making a generous gift of books. Books were also received from H. A. Wilbur, Mrs. Grace Rood, Miss Esther Briggs and Miss Etta Bullard. A box of juvenile books was received from the state. We have had the use of two loan libraries during the year.

The circulation of books during 1927 was 2,438, including sixty-one books lent to the schools. The circulation in 1926 was 3,612, making a falling off of 174.

ACCESSORIES

Books by gift	126
Books by purchase	34
Total	160
Books discarded	41
Total number of books now in Library	3,725

The list of new books is as follows:

ADULT FICTION

The Soul of Ann Rutledge
Creeping Jenny
The Legacy of Cain
Atlantic Tales
Queer Judson
The Brimming Cup
The Home-maker
Rough-hewn

Babbitt
Glimpses of the Moon
The Amateur Gentleman
Romona
Two Shall be Born
Madame Sans-Gêne
Uhridge
Hugh Wynne, Free Quaker
They Had to See Paris
Leave it to Psmith
The Broad Highway
The Woman-haters
Tampico
Manhattan Transfer
Love Insurance
A Master of Life
Carnac's Folly
The Devil's Garden
The Alaskan
A Mother's Story
At the Crossing with McShane
The Winning of Barbara Worth
In the Days of Poor Richard
Padre Ignacio
Kate Mulhall
The Long Arm
God and the Groceryman
The Hairy Arm
Wallflowers
Forlorn River
Alma
That Island
The Magic Garden
The Big Mogul
Lydia of the Pines
The Loring Mystery

Hand and Ring
The Last Trail
The Chief Legatee
Steele of the Royal Mounted
God's Country and the Woman
Cross Trails
The Black Magician
The Wolf of Wildcat Mountain
The Devil's Chaplain
The Crooked Cross
Gabriel Samara, Peace-maker
The Unknown Quantity
The Desert Healer
The Master of Man

ADULT NON-FICTION

Window Glass in the Making
Denatured Africa
The Constitution of the U. S.
Productive Small Fruit Culture
The Inn of Tranquility
The U. S. as a World Power
The Price of Freedom
Theodore Roosevelt
Twenty Lessons on Poultry
The Making of the English Constitution
The Life of Henry B. Wright
Abraham Lincoln and Boston Corbett
The Origin and Growth of the Hebrew Religion
The Hebrew Prophets
The Life of Christ
The Russo-Japanese War
Butterflies Worth Knowing
Trees Worth Knowing
Wild Flowers Worth Knowing
Shelley's Lyrics and Shorter Poems
Memories of Many Men in Many Lands

Lindbergh the Lone Eagle

JUVENILE FICTION

The Wonderful Adventures of Nils
Sinopah the Indian Boy
Mopsa the Fairy
The Voyagers
The Forge in the Forest
The Rabbit Lantern
The Silent Scott
Dr. Doolittle's Zoo
Tyke-y
The Wonder Clock
The Arkansaw Bear
Little Women
Under the Lilacs
Jack and Jill
California Fairy Tales
Mother Cary's Chickens
The Blue Fairy Book
Abbie Ann
Spunk, the Leader of the Dog Team
Toto and the Gift
The Joyous Story of Toto
Tales of Laughter
Stickeen
Short Stories for Short People
The American Twins of the Revolution
The Pearl of Orr's Island
The Wild Heart
When Granny was a Little Girl
Gulliver's Travels

JUVENILE NON-FICTION

The Friendly Stars
Stories of Starland

The Story of King Arthur
Stories of Robin Hood
Journey in Distant Lands
Our Friends at the Farm
Midshipman Farragut
Up from Slavery
Legends Every Child Should Know
The Children's Homer
Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes
Our Friends at the Zoo
The Land of the Long Night

EXPENSES

Postage	$ 69	
Box rent	40	
Money orders	10	
Express	1 25	
Books	4 15	
Total		$6 52

RECEIPTS

Fines	$4 40	
Cards	69	
Soldiers of Oakham	6 00	
Total		$11 09
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1928		$9 85

The last copy of the "Soldiers of Oakham" left in the Library for sale by Miss Alice Wright has been sold. The proceeds of this sale were to be used for the purchase of books.

The historical room has received gifts from Mrs. Hattie Hallowell and George Hallowell.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STANDING TOWN OF OAKHAM

Balance on hand January 1, 1928 $2,921 80

	APPROPRIATIONS	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
On hand January 1, 1927		$5,050 56	
Bonding	$ 35 00		$ 44 00
Bridges	500 00		500 00
Cemeteries	50 00		
Annual Care	83 00	83 00	
Perpetual care	216 88	216 88	554 45
Church Repairs	50 00		50 00
Dog Officer	15 00		15 00
Fire Department	100 00	57 00	169 93
Gypsy Moth	217 00	10 80	245 70
Inspection of Meats	25 00		32 00
Inspection of Barns	50 00	16 00	39 56
Insuring Employees	100 00		219 36
Insuring Buildings	130 00		169 24
Interest	75 00	94 79	120 00
Library	150 00		
County Dog Fund	261 42	261 42	
Interest on Deposit	70 84	70 84	
Wright Fund Interest	21 90	21 90	504 16

Memorial Day	50 00		50 00
Miscellaneous	325 00		325 00
Rent of Hall		59 00	
Licenses		3 00	
Sale of Grass		1 50	
Wildcat Bounty		10 00	
Rent West Schoolhouse		10 00	
Mowing Brush			25 00
Opening Roads	500 00		838 66
Overseers of Poor	500 00		667 23
Refund Town of Spencer	300 00	330 85	
Police Dept.	50 00		29 20
Bal. of Fines from John L. Smith		298 00	
Printing	185 00		185 00
Roads, Chap. 81	1,125 00		5,624 28
Refund from State		4,500 00	
Roads, Chap. 90	1,500 00		7,499 90
State Returns	2,999 96	2,999 96	
County Returns	2,999 96	2,999 96	
Schools	3,500 00		
Town of Rutland	180 00	180 00	
School Fund Income	2,780 12	2,780 12	
State Tuition of Children	44 29	44 29	

Small Town Supt.	193 33	193 33	
State H. S. Tuition	1,711 88	1,711 88	
State H. S. Transportation	2,057 60	2,057 60	
State Income Tax	1,040 00	1,040 00	12,168 09
Reserve Fund	150 00		146 62
Snow Fences	100 00		100 50
Sealer, Weights and Measures	25 00	10 53	25 00
Street Lights	225 00		225 00
State Aid		72 00	72 00
Town Officers	925 00		889 00
Town Officers, supplies	50 00		76 20
Tree Warden	50 00		50 00
Wiring Town Hall	200 00		200 00
County Tax			761 00
State Tax			960 00
Repairs State Highway			139 60
Worcester Bank and Trust Co.		6,000 00	6,000 00
Electric Light Post Holes	1,500 00		1,500 00
State Aid	10 00		
Income Tax, 1926		96 00	
Income Tax, Balance 1927		1,112 00	
Public Service		49 57	
Business Tax		170 29	

Bank Tax		4 95		
Veterans' Exemption		5 34		
Vocational Education		12 49		
Town Taxes, 1925		1,058 91		
Interest, 1925		108 35		
Town Taxes, 1926		3,165 67		
Interest, 1926		113 42		
Town Taxes, 1927		7,469 96		
Interest, 1927		4 29		
Loss of Taxes		32 76		
Receipts of Tax Sale		17 77		
Road Scraper	465 00		465 00	
Total	$44,606 98	$41,685 18	41,685 18	
Balance on hand January 1, 1928				$2,921 80

BUILDING LINE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Receipts		$16,559 99		
Expenditures			16,407 04	
Balance on hand				$152 95

EARNINGS OF ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Receipts		$1,091 35		
Expenditures			748 00	
Balance on hand				$343 35

TRUST FUNDS

(Mary Lincoln Alden Income

Balance, January 1, 1927	$284 20		
Dividends	278 80		
Gift from Clara I. Alden	200 00		
Interest	5 03		
Total	$768 03		
Expenditures		612 64	
Balance on hand January 1, 1928			$155 39

LIBRARY FUNDS

	Amount to Date
Fobes Memorial Fund	$3,245 54
B. P. Clark Legacy	1,351 69
Soldiers' War Bonus	364 34
Alfred Parks Wright Memorial	563 04
J. H. O. Lovell Legacy	180 28
Total	$5,704 89

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

AMOUNT EXPENDED ON ROADS IN OAKHAM IN 1927 UNDER CHAPTER 81

No.	Road	Amount
1.	North Brookfield	$ 52 00
2.	New Braintree	83 90
3.	East Hill	81 50
4.	Hubbardston	5 25
5.	Cadwell	.... ..
6.	Pine Plain	170 73
7.	Poverty Square	13 75
8.	Depot or Coldbrook	1,361 97
9.	Ware Corner	236 50
10.	Robinson	16 40
11.	Parmenter	10 00
12.	Sanders	10 00
13.	South	138 60
14.	Spencer	162 65
15.	Flint	.... ..
16.	Beechan	197 07
17.	Lupa	243 30
18.	Crawford	25 00
19.	Whitehall	6 00
20.	Old Turnpike	1,211 29
21.	Old Turnpike Ext.	.... ..
22.	Rutland	45 50
23.	Swindell	7 50
24.	Hapgood	20 30
25.	Sargent's Lane	.... ..
26.	Stone	33 00

27. Rutherford	36 00	
28. Lincoln	172 05	
29. Maple	157 15	
30. Barre	80 70	
31. Daniels	.... ..	
32. Bullard	10 40	
33. Edson	10 00	
34. Happy Hollow	2 50	
35. Hunt	42 60	
36. Adams	142 10	
37. T. Gaffney	25 00	
38. J. Gaffney	25 00	
39. Scott	64 00	
40. Crockernye	73 00	
41. Whitney	.... ..	
Gas and oil	141 54	
Culverts	347 14	
Machinery	592 38	
Machinery repairs	435 29	
Tools	81 87	
Tool repairs	16 18	
Miscellaneous	1 35	
Total		$6,589 28
Total payroll	$3,498 70	
Total material	3,090 58	
		$6,589 28
Town allotment	$1,125 00	
State allotment	4,500 00	
		$5,625 00
Ex. for bridges		500 00

Overrun of allotment	464 28
	$6,589 28

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. VESPER,
Senior Civil Engineer,
Chapter 81, *Assistant,*

SUMMARY

1,294 yards of gravel used
16 yards of tar-gravel patch used
9,905 gallons of road oil used
30 feet of 24-inch corrugated pipe culvert laid
118 feet of 12-inch corrugated pipe culvert laid
Culverts and waterways cleaned
42 yards of sand used

REMARKS

The work this year has been very satisfactory. The town should continue the good work by getting more oil, and gravelling a little more than last year. All roads should be widened more and particular attention given to culverts. Under Chapter 90 the improved work on Rutland Road is progressing favorably and the town should continue this work.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. VESPER,
Senior Civil Engineer,
Chapter 81, *Assistant.*

REPORT

OF THE

CHARLTON POOR FARM ASS'N

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

RECEIPTS

Milk	$1,570 47	
Stock	232 00	
Miscellaneous	320 36	
Inmates Board	10,244 36	
Boarders	382 85	
Assessment for Painting	800 44	
Total		$13,550 48

EXPENDITURES

Frank Walker and wife	$1,500 00
Inside labor	750 00
Outside labor	812 61
Miscellaneous	715 64
Groceries	1,186 33
Meat	1,035 84
Grain	930 22
Oil and gasoline	87 35
Clothing	280 86
Supplies	498 50
Telephone	46 18
Electricity	98 52
Blacksmith	32 05
Tobacco	238 68
Insurance	247 62
Drugs	32 48

Painting and repairs	333 52	
Machinery	140 00	
Seed	86 35	
Fertilizer	270 96	
Veterinary	36 65	
Medical attendance	35 25	
Coal	508 65	
		$11,676 83
Deficit 1926		$1,272 57
Total		$11,676 83
Balance in favor of the Asso.		$1,873 65

RECEIVED AND DUE FOR INMATES' BOARD

Charlton	$634 27	
Westminster	938 53	
Rutland	312 83	
Millbury	629 16	
Brookfield	347 11	
Ashburnham	608 54	
Leicester	715 64	
Oakham	312 83	
Holden	312 83	
Warren	1,939 00	
Hardwick	625 70	
West Boylston	708 84	
Berlin	312 83	
Sterling	304 26	
Auburn	274 26	
East Brookfield	62 57	
West Brookfield	1,190 11	
		$10,244 36

Total number of weeks for inmates 1,707 2-7 weeks. There were no inmates from Dana, Hubbardston, Paxton, Royalston, Princeton, New Braintree.

The inventory of the personal property taken December 31, 1927, was	$6,701 67
Farm and buildings	$12,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. N. SHEPARD, *President,*
LOUIS M. HANFF, *Sec.-Treas.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the bills of the officers of the Association who have received and expended money during the year ending December 31, 1927, and all bills have been correct and checks signed by the President and Treasurer.

EDWARD A. LAMB, *Auditor.*

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Charlton Poor Farm Asso.	$312 83	
Town of Spencer	120 00	
Worcester City Hospital	115 65	
Assessment	7 50	
E. Saunders, wood	22 00	
C. B. Daniels, wood	10 00	
F. A. Livermore, moving	35 00	
Dr. D. B. Cheetham, medical services	12 50	
Carl Wheeler, services	13 00	
M. F. Lincoln, services	13 00	
S. E. Butler, services	5 00	
Postage and stationery	50	
Telephone	25	
		$667 23
Town of Spencer paid back on 1926 account	$131 25	
On 1927 account	199 50	
Total		$330 75

Respectfully submitted,

MORTON LINCOLN,

C. M. WHEELER,

SARA E. BUTLER,

Overseers.

REPORT

OF THE

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE

Labor

John Nelson	$687 20
Clarence Grimes	536 18
Patrick Ryan	99 47
Edward Lupa	26 25
Edward Bullard	2 00
George Schouler	251 37
Herman Parkman	22 50
Paul Canuel	1,140 44
D. Labonte	7 00
E. Dufresne	71 75
John Robinson	4 50
F. Beckwith	55 25
A. Crawford	87 70
R. Gifford	28 50
Percy Wilbur	517 28
Raymond Thresher	146 25
George Hallowell	75
Bert Reed	15 50
Francis Willard	15 50
Walter Bruce	27 50
W. H. Boyd	53 50
F. Winslow	37 50
Orton Butler	288 05
George S. Butler, trucking etc.	118 19
Henry Butler	344 75
John P. Day	51 55
Alfred Virr	26 00

Henry Laventure	99 37	
Clarence Elliott	59 88	
Clarence Ellis	77 12	
Frank Parkman	340 00	
H. Hanson	31 50	
F. Hanson	9 00	
H. Courtemanche	72 13	
Fred Parkman	48 00	
John P. Day	6 00	
Ernest Bullard	1 00	
Fay Russell	26 00	
William Parkman	44 50	
Total cost of labor		$5,476 93

Supplies

George H. Wahn Co.	$9,163 76	
Wetmore Savage Co.	115 86	
Gardner Electric Co.	419 99	
Stanley Electric Co.	6 57	
General Electric Co.	183 08	
Total cost of supplies		$9,889 26

Miscellaneous

John Nelson, telephone and truck	$ 7 20
Walter Bruce, tools	8 70
Walter Bruce, rent of barn	10 00
Theo. Wardell, certifying notes	40 00
Printing Notes	63 95
Repairing tools	1 90
G. S. Butler	7 51
George Morse, dynamite	11 80
John Lane, dynamite	12 50
C. B. Daniels, lumber	3 88

Telephone Co.	3 45	
Total miscellaneous		$170 89
Freight and express		224 24
Insurance of Employees		158 72

Poles

James Leyden	$475 00	
Alfred Virr	12 00	
		$487 00
Cash paid out, to Jan. 7, 1928		$16,407 04
Cash on hand		152 95
		$16,559 99

Receipts

Borrowed of Harris Forbes Co.	$10,000 00	
Premium	18 89	
Borrowed of Merchants' Nat. Bank, Boston	5,000 00	
Premium	35 60	
Town Appropriation	1,500 00	
J. P. Fairbanks, two poles	5 50	
		$16,559 99
Due George H. Wahn Co.		$952 73

The committee recommends the extension of the line to Mr. Arnold's, Mans and Lacounts. Mr. William Sawyer at the Sawyer Lumber Co. wishes the line extended to his camp site at Brooks Pond, a distance of one-half mile. The cost of the line has been somewhat more than the estimate, but the income is proving to be a great deal more than our expectations.

We believe the line will not only pay for itself but in a few years will be a source of income to the town as well as a great benefit in other ways.

We have approximately eighteen miles of line and ninety-six meters installed with the prospect of several more in the spring.

The people along the line have donated over 500 poles, the people on East Hill not only donated poles but dug the holes.

The committee wishes to extend its appreciation to the townspeople who have shown their co-operation and help in establishing the Oakham Electric Light Line.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. DAY,
GEO. S. BUTLER,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,

Electric Light Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

CEMETERY FUND

(Pine Grove Cemetery

Donor	
Ann Adams	$ 25 00
Jesse Allen	108 32
Heirs of Lewis Allen	136 24
Frank D. Ayers	107 64
G. N. Briggs Heirs	105 13
Mary J. Clark	111 01
Foster, A. H.	
Charles A. Fobes	120 77
M. T. F. Rugg	104 70
Flora A. Arnold	51 15
George H. Gould	226 80
Lewis N. Haskell	116 13
Hattie E. Prouty	110 76
*Fannie Kimball	
William Lincoln and Clara Alden	215 41
H. W. Lincoln Heirs	101 63
Grandchildren of Abner Lincoln	109 03
William A. Nye	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard	281 05
George M. Ross	116 65
Mrs. Samuel Ripley	27 05
Heirs of W. W. and Helen F. Russell	108 47
Ruth Robinson	50 00
Weeks and Elliot	122 97
Lyman Walker	110 10
Heirs of Charles Hastings	109 07

Mrs. William C. Abbott	109 67
Heirs L. W. Newcomb	74 87
James Boyd Heirs	63 57

South Cemetery

Laura Burt	121 20
Daniel H. Dean	198 63
Walter R. Dean	108 86
William Haskell	123 93
A. J. Holden	50 00
Alfred C. Morse	50 00
Martha Macullar	242 16
Sumner Reed	131 84
Henry P. Wright	118 25
Henry E. Morse	121 29
William A. Nye	50 00
Sophronia Parker Heirs	102 80
Frances Robinson	75 74
Ella J. Olmstead	50 00

Southwest Cemetery

J. H. D. Lovell	169 77
Frank L. Nickerson	117 98
Jennie Trowbridge	50 28
Mary E. Brown	61 39
Ed. P. Maynard	11 34

Green Hollow Cemetery

H. S. Clifford	50 75
H. A. Crawford	139 00
William A. Fobes	131 31
Barr, Moore & Keep	102 96

Received in 1927

Martha Malcolm Heirs, Galen Crawford, Lot 6, Pine Grove Cemetery	$100 00

Francena Spooner, E. C. Spooner, Lot 20, Southwest Cemetery	50 00
Edward H. Dwelly, Edward H. Dwelly, Lot 30, Pine Grove Cemetery	100 00
Edward H. Dwelly, William P. and Joseph Dwelly Lot, South Cemetery	100 00
Frank S. Conant Heirs, George Conant, Lot 57, Pine Grove Cemetery	100 00
Total	$450 00

The town owes $15,000 for money borrowed to build Electric Light Line.

Respectfully submitted,

EFFIE T. SWINDELL,

Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Receipts

Town—Support of Schools	$3,500 00
State Return—School Fund	2,780 12
State Return—High School Tuition	1,711 88
State Return—High School Transportation	2,057 60
State Return—School Superintendent	193 33
State Return—Income Tax for General School Purposes	1,040 00
Tuition of Children	44 29
Tuition of Rutland Children, 1925-1926	108 00
Tuition of Rutland Children, 1926-1927	72 00
	$11,507 22

Expenses

Paid Rev. Ira E. Pinney, services	$10 00	
Paid Earle C. Parker, services	10 00	
Paid Minnie M. Day, services	25 00	
		$45 00

Superintendent's Salary and Expense of Office

Paid James R. Childs, salary	$330 00	
Paid James R. Childs, travel expenses	49 89	
Paid James R. Childs, postage, telephone and express	6 75	
Paid James R. Childs, telephone per rate for 1926	3 45	
Paid James R. Childs, clerical work	3 46	

Paid Marjorie P. Newell, clerical work	27 01	
Paid Margaret C. Barr, clerical work	2 08	
Paid John P. Day, taking school census	5 00	
		$427 64

Teachers

Paid Miss Florence E. Bothwell	$1,100 16	
Paid Miss Ethel M. Braman	1,100 16	
Paid Miss Ruth E. Butterfield	1,100 16	
Paid Miss Annie P. Stevenson, music supervisor	175 00	
Paid Miss Helen E. Mills, drawing supervisor	100 00	
Paid Miss Helen E. Mills, drawing supervisor	57 00	
		$3,632 48

Supplies

Paid Edward E. Babb and Co.	$33 66	
Paid Irving White	4 10	
Paid J. L. Hammett Co.	19 16	
Paid Donald W. Holton	2 00	
Paid Ryan and Parker, Inc.	8 38	
Paid Geo. S. Butler	3 00	
Paid Dowling School Supply	8 50	
		$78 80

Books

Paid Edward E. Babb and Co.	$16 88	
Paid Silver Burdette	4 25	
Paid World Book Co.	36 31	
Paid Webster Publishing Co.	4 66	
Paid J. B. Lippincott	1 14	
Paid John C. Winston and Co.	24 10	
Paid World Book Co.	11 98	

Paid Longmans, Green and Co.	4 39	
		$103 71

Care and Cleaning

Paid William Nye	$234 23	
For Coldbrook School	55 00	
		$289 23

Fuel

Paid Chas. B. Daniels, 6 cds. wood at $11.00	$66 00	
Paid Frank Boyd, 7 cds. wood at $8.50	59 50	
Paid Henry Butler, 7 cds. wood at $8.50	59 50	
Paid John P. Day, sawing wood	12 50	
		$197 50

Repairs

Paid Community Stores Co., paint, oils etc.	$85 26	
Paid Charles B. Daniels, painting Coldbrook schoolhouse, inside and outside	145 80	
Paid Bert Reed, labor	20 63	
Paid Earle Parker, repairs on flag pole	3 50	
Paid Geo. S. Butler, shingles	7 25	
Paid Howard S. Byram, wiring Coldbrook school room	45 00	
Paid Edgar Swindell, shingling at Center	5 15	
Paid Community Stores, rope for flag pole	78	
		$313 37

Promotion of Health

Paid Mrs. Naomi Cunningham, school nurse		$184 48

Grade Transportation

Paid Fred Parkman	$700 00	

Paid John O'Donnell	633 00	
Paid Robert Dwelly	504 00	
Paid David LaBonte	480 00	
Paid Mrs. Celia Yablouski	37 00	
		$2,354 00

High School Transportation

Paid Frank Lupa	$ 73 20	
Paid Robert Dwelly	145 60	
Paid Evander Green	76 40	
Paid Morton Lincoln	150 40	
Paid J. C. Rutherford	190 40	
Paid Oliver Wilkins	197 20	
Paid Bert Reed	76 00	
Paid Clifford Knight	70 80	
Paid William Parkman	73 60	
Paid John Day	147 20	
Paid Forest Sanderson	34 00	
Paid Edwin Bullard	70 40	
Paid Henry Crawford	75 20	
Paid Alfred Virr	150 40	
Paid Joseph Potter	125 60	
Paid Mrs. Katherine Mullen	170 80	
Paid Mrs. Nettie Stoner	73 60	
Paid Edward Crawford	21 60	
Paid Albert Hapgood	74 80	
Paid Donald Agar	22 00	
Paid Eldridge La Count	43 20	
Paid Mrs. Philip Waring	22 00	
Paid John Briggs	19 60	
		$2,104 00

High School Tuition

Paid Town of Rutland	$232 50	
Paid Town of North Brookfield	108 00	

Paid Town of Northbridge	220 00	
Paid Town of Warren	100 00	
Paid Town of Hardwick	1,360 00	
Paid Town of Spencer	90 00	
Paid Town of Barre	100 00	
Paid Town of North Brookfield, 1927-1928	91 38	
Paid Town of Spencer, 1927-1928	36 00	
		$2,337 88
Total Expenditures		$12,168 09

Respectfully submitted,

REV. IRA E. PINNEY,
EARLE C. PARKER,
MINNIE M. DAY,

School Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1928.

To the School Committee of Oakham:

The tenth report of the present superintendent and the twenty-eighth in the series since the formation of this union, is presented herewith for your consideration. The usual statistics that follow afford a basis for comparison with other years. Our average membership has varied but little during the past ten years, the lowest being seventy-eight in 1923 and the highest eighty-seven in 1924. It is eighty-four this year. The census shows ninety-one children in town in 1923 between the ages of five and sixteen, and 114 in 1927. The per cent of attendance was lowest in 1918 with 87.5 per cent and highest this year with 94.7 per cent. The average was 90.4 per cent. We have a longer school day than most towns in the state. The average is five hours, but we have only thirty-six weeks in the school year compared with thirty-eight in many places. Our teachers' salaries are below the average for the state but we have been most fortunate in keeping teachers who have rendered splendid service and who have always had the best interests of the town and the children at heart.

The subject of school costs is always of interest. A comparison shows that while the town increased its expenditures from local taxation from $2,080 in 1918 to $3,600 in 1927, we received from the state and from tuitions about $3,300 in 1918 and about $8,000 in 1927. One chief cause of this increase is due to the larger number of pupils in high school, and the state reimbursed the town for high school tuition and transportation $1,848 in 1918 and nearly $5,000 in 1926. The cost per pupil in average membership in 1926-1927 for teachers' salaries was $43.47 com-

pared with a state average of $65.27; for books and supplies it was $1.13 compared with a state average of $4.52. This average will be higher in the coming year, but we need to increase our appropriation for books in particular.

During the year electric lights have been installed in both school buildings and the Coldbrook building painted inside and out. These have been very much needed improvements and the entire school plant is now in the best condition it has ever been. One side of the roof at Coldbrook will soon need shingling. I hope we may have some playground equipment such as has been mentioned before. It would not cost much to build a few swings and see-saws with perhaps a sand pile and apparatus.

The work in Music and Drawing during the year has been very satisfactory. Miss Annie P. Stevenson has been in charge of the Music and Miss Odessa M. Long was elected to succeed Miss Mills in Drawing. Their reports are worth careful consideration. If our boys and girls acquire music and art appreciation they will have gained much that will be a source of enjoyment to them all through life, and some may find in one of these cultural possessions an ever broadening field of service.

We are fortunate in having Dr. Kimberly and Mrs. Cunningham to carry on the health work. We have been able through the generosity and co-operation of parents and friends to set up a dental clinic and have the children's teeth examined and treated. A more detailed report on this work will be given by the School Nurse. In connection with the "Ten Year Program" of Dr. Chadwick of Westfield, we also had the Clinic for detection of Hilum tuberculosis to examine the children and talk with parents. It is believed that this examination for the early detection of tuberculosis will greatly reduce the number who later develop this dread disease if prompt action is taken in all cases are even suspected.

A Teachers' Institute was held in Barre in September and our teachers attended. These Institutes are held by the Department of Education and are very helpful to us. Through the University Extension the teacher is also given an opportunity for study and

professional growth as well as for broadening of interests. Wonderful advances have been made in the whole science of teaching and only by reading and study may we hope to keep pace with our rapidly changing conceptions of education. Respect for authority, obedience to law and the significance of citizenship should be taught in the light of the present day need.

I want to thank all those who have helped in the health work with our boys and girls and express my appreciation of the loyalty and support that have been given to the teachers and myself.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I respectfully submit my second report as Supervisor of Music in the town of Oakham.

The program of The Progressive Music Series has been followed as closely as possible, using the outline for graded schools. This has been made possible by having two or three divisions in one room, depending on the number and ability of the pupils. Grades III and IV need Book II for additional work necessary to their growth and mastery of musical problems.

Under the present arrangement of classes the children in Grades V and VI are deprived of the beautiful song material and technical work of Book II, when made a part of the upper division using Book III. Two and three part music is here presented and additional material is needed to supplement the work of that book.

At Coldbrook it seemed best to arrange for two classes only, the first three grades in one group and the other grades in another. Here, too, new song material is very much needed, for children

in the rural schools who have been hearing the same songs for several years need new ones for interest, enjoyment and study.

Christmas Carols and Patriotic songs have been learned in all grades and the victrola used for lessons in appreciation, following the Revised Lesson Outlines.

All the children have shown marked enthusiasm for their work and the year has been a very interesting one. The teachers have been loyal and faithful and I thank all for their fine co-operation.

ANNIE P. STEVENSON,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following is my first report of the work in Drawing which is being conducted in the schools of Oakham.

During the fall our study has been on the principles underlying good design, leading to a better appreciation of fine art. Practice in the choice of color harmonies, paper work and simple construction, lettering and poster work have also been studied.

Beginning with the winter term we plan to develop the language of drawing. The desire to represent objects, animals and people in order to tell a story well furnish the motive for learning to draw them well. Picture study lessons will be introduced with the idea of correlating art appreciation of English composition.

I wish to express my appreciation of the interest shown in the work and of the splendid co-operation and enthusiasm of the teachers.

ODESSA LONG,
Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This report covers the period from Jan. 1927, to Jan., 1928.

Medical Inspection: The yeardly medical examination required by law was conducted by Dr. Kimberly in the autumn. Due to his reports sent home the previous year, many defects were found to have been remedied.

Weighing and Measuring: The children were weighed and measured three times this year. A steady gain in weight is a good indication that a child is growing normally, but when a child loses or does not gain at all during a six or eight month period he should be examined to see what is hindering growth.

Clinics: On October 14 a free examination was held by the Clinic set up by the State department of Public Health under the direction of Dr. Chadwick. This included a general health examination and special attention to any possible cases of Hilum tuberculosis in connection with the state "Ten Year Program." A report of the examination follows:

Number of children examined	51
Number given the Tuberculin Test	51
Number who reacted to the Test	6
Percentage of reactors	12%
Number of children X-Rayed	7
Cases of Hilum Tuberculosis	1
Cases classified as Suspects	2
Cases classified as Negative	4
Cases of enlarged or diseased tonsils	12
Children in need of dentistry	33
Cases with indication of heart disease	1
Cases of malnutrition	11

In November a Dental Clinic was carried on at the Center and at Coldbrook. We are deeply indebted to all those who helped in the conduct of this Clinic, both by assisting the Dentist and by financial support. Through the Worcester County Extension Service we were able to secure Dr. E. J. Moulin and his equipment for this most valuable service to our boys and girls.

Center School

Number of children to receive service	56

Cleanings	46
Fillings	133
Extractions	105

Coldbrook School

Number of children to receive service	11
Cleanings	8
Fillings	28
Extractions	29

I wish to thank the parents the teachers and the pupils for the splendid co-operation I have received in my work.

NAOMI A. CUNNINGHAM, R. N.,
School Nurse.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I submit the following report. We were very fortunate early in the season to have the "State Clinic" with us in this district. Over fifty per cent of our children responded to the opportunity of examination by this group. What is this clinic? From the medical standpoint it is a highly specialized diagnostic group organized particularly to discover child tuberculosis at its earliest stage. It also operates to discover outstanding physical defects and offers treatment only to the extent of advice as to nutrition, as to need of removing diseased teeth, tonsils and adenoids and gives general directions as to the care of these early tubercular chest conditions. A detailed summary of the work of this clinic is found under Mrs. Cunningham's report.

Following the clinic the usual yearly examination of the remainder of the children was carried out. I thought that this year it might be worth while to review some facts concerning the medical supervision of school children. Each season we find a larger and larger percentage of parents responding to our notices of diseased teeth, tonsils and adenoids. As a result of eradication

of these infected tissues we sense our children as being on a little higher plane physically. Intangible conclusions truly but because they are intangible none the less real. One very definite result is the lowered absenteeism among the children, a matter very important indeed in school management. Another result of the health work among the children is the consciousness that improved health conditions in our children can be definitely sought for and obtained. As time goes on I am convinced our parents are becoming less and less tolerant of repeated infections and more and more insistent on a higher grade of health in their children.

The activities of the various sections of this district in obtaining a dental clinic are heartily commended.

The hygienic conditions of some of our buildings, toilet facilities etc., are subject to the necessary limitations of rural schools. Entirely satisfactory conditions, however, are obtainable by the use of a scrubbing brush, soap, hot water and chlorate of lime. Unsatisfactory conditions have been reported by Mrs. Cunningham in one or two schools and should be corrected.

With but very few exceptions our children are all vaccinated against smallpox. By the end of the year, every child in the district will have had an opportunity to receive the three innoculations that give permanent immunity to diphtheria. We are in hopes of being able to wipe out the occurrence of diphtheria in school children entirely. Through the descriptive literature sent from school we hope to induce many parents to have their preschool children immunized by their family physicians against diphtheria.

Milk meeting recognized standards (tuberculin tested always and produced to meet at least "Grade A" requirements or pasteurized) should be available in every school room, particularly in the lower grades.

ARTHUR M. KIMBERLY, M. D.,

School Physician.

ENROLLMENT FALL TERM 1927

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Boys	5	6	6	9	7	5	5	1	44
Girls	7	7	8	9	3	4	8	5	51
Totals	12	13	14	18	10	9	13	6	95

PROMOTION BY GRADES, JUNE, 1927

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Full promotion	9	12	13	9	6	10	4	8	71
On trial		1	2	1	2	2			8
Repeat		1				1			2
Special	2				1	1	1		5
Totals	11	14	15	10	9	14	5	8	86

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1927

Children in Oakham	Boys	Girls	Total
Between 5 and 7 years of age	8	9	17
Between 7 and 14 years of age	39	38	77
Between 14 and 16 years of age	7	13	20
Totals	54	60	114

AGE AND GRADING CHART

October 1, 1927

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
Grade												
I	3	**7**	**1**									11
II		3	**7**	**3**								13
III			2	**9**	**3**			1				15
IV				1	**6**	**2**		1				10
V						**5**	**4**			1		10
VI						1	**6**	**4**	1			12
VII							2	**1**	**1**	1	1	6
VIII								2	**3**	**3**		8
Totals	3	10	10	13	9	8	12	9	5	5	1	85

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION—1026-1927

STATISTICS FOR 1926-1927

School	Teacher	Training	Began here	Total Mem.	Ave. Mem.	Ave. Att.	% of Att.
Center Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	No. Brookfield H. S.	1897	31	27	26	94
Center Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield	1907	37	31	28	91
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester N. S.	1904	26	26	25	99
Music	Annie P. Stevenson	Am. Inst. Nor. Meth.	1926				
Drawing	Helen E. Mills	Mass. Sch. Art	1925				
		Totals		94	84	79	94.7

HONOR ROLL

Perfect Attendance for FOUR YEARS

Vincent Mullen

Perfect Attendance for THREE YEARS

Marion Wilkins

Perfect Attendance for TWO YEARS

Rose Bruno (1T)
Frank Potter (½)
Louis Kitchen (1T)
Madeline Wilkins

Perfect Attendance for ONE YEAR

Emma Bruno
Charles Dean (1)
Lillian Hall (1)
Helvie Maki
Charles Potter
Marion Potter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term—Sept. 6, 1927, to Dec. 23 1927.....16 weeks
Winter Term—Jan. 9, 1928, to Mar. 16, 1928.....10 weeks
Spring Term—Apr. 2, 1928, to June 8, 1928.....10 weeks
Fall Term—Sept. 4, 1928, to Dec. 21, 1928.....16 weeks
Winter Term—Jan. 7, 1929, to Mar. 15, 1929.....10 weeks
Spring Term—Apr. 1, 1929, to June 7, 1929.....10 weeks

HOLIDAYS

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, Labor Day, October 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

REPORT

OF THE

FIRE WARDEN

During 1927 we have been fortunate in not having any very serious fires in town, the three most severe ones being the forest fire at Martin Winsky's, the poles of the Municipal Electric Light Department, and the Boston and Maine R. R. fires.

Have answered numerous calls for chimney and brush fires, but they were extinguished before any serious damage was done.

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

Fire Warden.

REPORT

OF THE

TOWN AUDITOR

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Fire Warden, Library Trustees and accounts of Moth Superintendent and Light Superintendent and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Tax Collector and found them to be correct.

ORTON O. BUTLER, *Auditor.*

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the county of Worcester.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the sixth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Art. 2. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, one Selectman for two years, one Assessor for one year, one Cemetery Committee for one year, one School Committee for one year, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables; shall licenses be granted for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in this town, all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Art. 5. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector and Town Clerk.

Art. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock, and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to insure its employees and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money as a reserve fund, to be used as an emergency or overdraft.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to have its valuation and taxes printed.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise a certain sum of money under Chapter 90 to finish the Rutland Road and appropriate the balance to the North Brookfield Road, providing the State and County appropriate a like sum.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for new bridges or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to accept a deed of the Henry Wright Memorial Park or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $952.23 to pay the George H. Wahn Co. for electric line supplies.

Art. 21. To see if the town will raise and apropriate a certain sum of money to extend its electric light lines, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $100.00 for snow fences.

Art. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to buy material and lay a new floor in Memorial Hall or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money toward a dental clinic or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to buy an adding machine and make appropriation for same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hand this seventeenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

JOHN P. DAY,
EARL C. PARKER,
C. B. DANIELS,

Selectmen of Oakham.